# AMUSEMENTS.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL'S
SECOND LECTURE.
GHOSTS: GHOSTS: GHOSTS: GHOSTS: GHOSTS: quent and the most famous of his lectures—is enti-tied "GHOSTS," It will be delivered in LIN-COLN HALL. INGERSOLL "GHOSTS."

[Secure your tickets at once.]
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### T ECTURES TO LADIES. MYSTERY OF THE VITAL ORGANS DR. E. P. BANNING, JR.,

of New York, informs the Ladies of Washington that he will give three POPULAR PRACTICAL LECTURES in the Cappel of the Y. M. C. A., before them, on "The Mystery of the Vital Organs Made Plain," in its practical bearing on the avoidable causes and on the prevention and removal of able causes and on the prevention and removal of prevalent disabilities of the female system, by easy and rational means, in connection with simple obedience to the physical laws of the "House they live in." By recent discoveries he is enabled to view the subject from a new standpoint, and to place it before ladies in a new antencouraging light. Lectures given as follows: At 3% precise y on WEDNESDAY, the 26th; THURSDAY, the 27th, and FRIDAY, the 28th. Admission will be free, and the subject illuminated by many charts free, and the subject illuminated by many charts of the body. Dr. B. may be seen for a few days at No. — C street. (124-2)\*

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street n.w. All notes by mail will be promptly at tended to. sep13-tr

## DRY GOODS.

SELLING OFF: SELLING OFF: FOR THIRTY DAYS

Our stock of DRY GOODS at great reduction in prices. Many at less than cost of importation, in order to reduce our heavy stock of WINTER GOODS. Special bargains in DRESS GOODS, BLACK SILKS, CASHMERES, ALPACA MOHAIRS, PINE CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES,

For Men and Boy's wear. Table Damasks, Nap-kins and Towelings; Blankets and Sheetings, with a full stock of Domestic Goods at factory prices.

43 All Goods warranted as represented, and fair dealing in all cases, at J. W. COLLEY'S,

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THE GREAT SALE OF CHEAP

# GOODS STILL CONTINUES.

We will continue to seil until February 1. 1878, after that time this store, known as CARTER'S, 707 Market Space, will be closed. Counters and Gas Fixtures for sale very cheap.

All of our Black Cashmeres, all of our Black Alpacas, all of our Black Silks, every yard must be sold before February 1. Black Cashmeres, Green Cashmeres, Navy Blue Cashmeres, very fine and very wide, only 25. Beautiful Dress Goods only 25 and 18. All of our Blankets must be closed out very cheap. Large size pure Wool White Blankets only \$2.50. Nearly two yards wide Black Waterproof Cloth only 62½. Red Twill Flannel, all wool, 25. Very large size pure white Bridal Quitts only Very large size pure white Bridal Quitts only
 Pure white Table Linen, 62. Linen Crash,
 Towels, 6. Ladies' Underwear, 50. Shawls and Cloaking Cloths very cheap.

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## 707 Market Space.

GENTLEMEN'S GOODS. FALL STYLES

GENTLEMEN'S BROADWAY DRESS HATS.

FINE SOFT AND STIFF FELT HATS, of the most approved patterns, for Gentiemen, Youths and Boys.

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Silk and Cashmere Vestings, To be made up, at cost.

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C. GEO. MEGINAISS'
Branch Baltimore Shirt Factory, 1002 F Street
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We make the FINEST DRESS SHIRTS TO
ORDER in the most elegant manner for \$2.25.
Fine DRESS SHIRTS made to order, of Wamsutta Muslin and Twenty-one Hundred Linen, for
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twist Muslin and Eighteen Hundred Linen, for 60 cents. Boy's Fine DRESS SHIRTS, 12. 12% and 13 inch, only 60 cents. Fine Four-ply Reversible CUFFS only 25 cents a pair. Six Finest Four-ply LINEN COLLARS for \$1. Heavy Canton Flannel DRAWERS, only 60 cents. All goods made to order and guaranteed to give satisfaction, both in quality and fit. All goods sold are praranteed as represented or the money returned. One price E. YOUNG GINN, Manager.

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Ample directions for use according to the tongue. Ample directions for use accompany each box of pills. Prepared only by J. H. SCHENCK & SON, at their principal office, corner 6th and Arch streets, Philadelphia, and for sale by all druggists and dealers.

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(Boonekamp of Mang Bitter):

1 suffered for years with pains in the stomach, headache, congestion of the blood and loss of appetite; I was so weak and exhausted that I could not

attend to my business. I used several remedies—but to no avail—antii I received your STOMACH BITTERS. I keep it constantly in my house, because it has cured me entirely. My desire for work has returned, and I feel like new-born. I can recommend your Bitters to everybody, and I say it should be in every house.

L JONAS, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

For sale by all Druggists, and WM. MUEHLEI-BEN, 918 5th st. northwest. sep19-m, w, s, tr

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Hotels, restaurants and private famities will be served at the most reasonable
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SAMUEL G. YOUNG, ALL WHO VALUE THEIR SIGHT TO Know the best One Dollar GLASSES accurately suited to the eye, at H. H. HEMPLER'S Optician, 453 Pa. ave. B. w., cor. 4½ street. MME. LARMIER, De Paris,
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TWO CENTS.

A GREAT SNOW STORM.

A MEXICAN ROW.

GENERAL BUTLER DEFINES HIS POSITION.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

Suffering Among the Turks.

Gereral Gourko's campaign has resulted in the loss of only 5,000 men. The Turks are desert-ing in considerable numbers, because of the

increasing cold, which causes them (poorly

clothed as they are and wanting in provisions) terrible suffering. Typhus fever is ranging

Russians Caught in an Awful Snow

Storm.

at Bucharest telegraphs as follows: "There is

no news from the front. It is impossible to

find out anything concerning the condition of

the Turkish prisoners now en route for

Plevna, or the Russian troops, caught on the march by the snow storm. The cold weather and driving snow produced a terrible effect upon a transport train, which halted near Catroes ia, suburb of Bucharest, to await the ressation of the storm Luisited the

cessation of the storm. I visited the spot where they stopped on Sunday, and found the wagons and horses entirely buried in snow.

Working partles were engaged extricating the

train. Forty horses and fwenty-nine men had been found dead. The men had sought shelter in the wagons, and were frozen within half a

mile of Catrocenia. From this incident some

idea may be formed of the effects of the storm in Bulgaria. This transport train had camped on a level plain, and was buried by the driving

snow, which filled up around the horses and

What the Roumanians Are to Do.

LONDON, Dec. 24.-The Times' Vienna corre

accompany the Russians across the Balkans. They will garrison Plevna, Nikopolis and Ra-

England Not on a War Footing.

pecial preparation is going on at the Wool

facilitate the operations of the Russians. Re

A BRICK FROM GEN. BUTLER.

confidence, reviving business, and causing u-

the republican party in the South, and he did

not wish to interfere with a fair trial of the

experiment. He now believes that it cannot succeed, but thinks that the President is sin-

cere in an opposite belief. In regard to civil

ervice reform, he says that there are certain

ideal reforms and principles which will do for

a Utopia, but in practical every day life we

must consider what is necessary and practical

and govern ourselves accordingly. He con-

siders that by next February the President

will have to decide whether he will go with the republicans or democrats, and a re-organiza-

ion of the Cabinet will follow his decision. He

is hopeful as to the future of the republican party, and thinks that if the President goes

with it its chances are good for victory in 1880.

A MEXICAN BORDER SCENE.

An Enthusiastic Lerdoist Captured.

MATAMORAS, Dec. 23, via Brownsville, TEXAS, Dec. 23.—A notorious partisan of Cor-

tina, named Partgual, who some years since

made an attack on police headquarters and killed the chief of police and wounded two others and escaped, has recently been robbing

on the highway near this city. He rode into

the market place last night and shouted for

ex-President Lerdo. When the police at-

tempted to interfere they were fired on and

wounded. After considerable shooting, which created quite an excitement, as it was feared

that a portion of the troops would revolt, Part-

gual was captured and lodged in jail. It is

the loyalty of the garrison for President Dia:

and if the troops were not faithful to take ad-

vantage of their disaffection and organize a

revolution. As nothing to the advantage of

the Lerdo party was developed, order was soon

Exonerated.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 24.—Job H. Jackson, of Wilmington, Delaware, who was brought here

in October on a requisition from the governor

of Georgia to answer a charge of improperly

Thursday and laid all the facts of the case be-

fore the governor. He left for home yesterday

afternoon, bearing a letter signed by Governor

olquitt, in which he says:-"Upon a fu hearing of the facts in the case, I am satisfied

that the criminal suit was brought under a

misapprehension. The executive head has no

right or power to interfere with the judicial

department of the government or its proceed-

ings. I shall advise that a nolle prosequi be

entered in the case, on the ground that the facts fully vindicate you."

The President En Route for Wash.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—President Hayes, Mrs. Hayes, Webb C. Hayes, Miss Minnie Platt, and Mr. W. T. Crump, of the Presidential party.

left Jersey City on the limited express train at

35 minutes past 9 o'clock this morning for Washington. Burchard Hayes will spend Christmas and the holidays with friends in the

city, and will reach Washington on Friday eve-

Shot his Wife and Child.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 24.-Detective Wm. C. Pride

half asleep early this morning, imagined he

heard a burglar at the window, and in attempt

ing to cock his pistol it was discharged, the ball

passing through the body of his five months old child and also through the body of his wife,

causing the death of both in a few hours, An

Horrible Ontrage.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Early yesterday morning three men entered the house of Geo. Mindle, near Attica, knocked him down, dragged out his wife, aged 56 years, ravished

and murdered her. Two men have been ar-

Counterfeiters Arrested.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Two men were arrested at a hotel in Batavia yesterday, while

engaged in making counterfeit silver coin.

Half and quarter dollars were found in their

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Rob't P. Parrott, inventor of the Parrott gun, and former proprietor of the Cold Spring gun foundry, died suddenly at Cold Spring this morning.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 24.—The Guardian's London correspondent says:—"The condition of the health of Prince Leopold, Queen Victoria's son, is again causing anxiety."

rested on suspicion.

t is now being held. Pride is almost

obtaining money from the state, arrived

supposed it was to create a disturbance

store for two army corps.

LONDON, Dec. 24.-The Times' correspondent

among the Turks at Benia.

New York, Dec. 24.—A London special says:

V. 50-No. 7,717.

O. F., are requested to meet at their Lodge Room on WEDNESDAY, December 26th, at 7:30 p.m.,

as business of importance is to be transacted.

GEO. H. JOHNSON, N. G.

WM. A. FREEMAN, P. S.

MASONIC.—A regular communication of KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 2, F. and A. A., will be held at Masonic Temple, WED-NESDAY EVENING, Dec. 26th, at 7 o'clock. Election of Officers. A full attendance is requested. By order of the M. A. d24-2t JOHN A. PICKELL, Sec.

SECTION No. 6, KNIGHTS OF PY-THIAS ENDOWMENT RANK, will meet at G. I., Hall, Polkinhorn Building, THURSDAY EVENING, the 27th instant, at 3 o'clock. Mem-bers and applicants are fraternally invited. By or-

bers and applicants are fraternally invited. By order of the Section.

624, 26, 2.\* HALVOR NELSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK,

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 24, 1877.
The annual election for Directors of this Bank

WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY.

will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY. 8th January, 1878. Polls will be open from 11 a. m. to 10 cock p.m. GEO. H. B. WHITE, d24.31&jan7.3t GEO. H. B. WHITE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY will be

held at the office of the Company, in the Market Buildings, in the city of Washington, at 12 o'clock noon, on the first MONDAY, being the 7th day of January, 1878, for the choice of thirteen Directors for the ensuing year, and to act on any other sub-

ject within the power of the corporation.
BENJ, D. WHITNEY, Sec.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 24th, 1877. d24-tjan7

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. WASHINGTON, December 24, 1877. Apportionment by the Commissioners of the Dis-trict of Columbia of the recenue collectible un-

der the tax levied for the fiscal year ending June

In exercise of the authority and duty devolved upon

us by the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1877, entitled, "An act for the support of the govern-ment of the District of Columbia, for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes," the undersigned, Commissioners of the District of Columbia, make the following apportionment for the distribution of the revenue which shall be collected, under the provisions of the act of Congress afore-

Every one-dollar-and-fifty-cents collected par-

or salaries and other necessary expenses of the Metropolitan Police for the District of Columbia, act of Congress, approved March 3, 1877; eighteen

For salaries and other expenses of the Board of Health, and for salaries of the Inspector and of the Assistant Inspector of Gas, act of Congress, approved March 3, 1877; two ecats and two mills.

For support of the boys sent to the Reform School, act of Congress, approved May 3, 1876, and of the Indigent Insane of the District of Columbia in the Government Hospital for the Insane, act of Congress, approved May 3, 1876.

pital for the Insane, act of Congress, ap-proved March 3, 1877; two cents and nine

mills.

For the interest on the bonded debt of the Dis.rict of Columbia, including bonds of the corporations of Washington and George-

or sinking fund of the bonded debt of the District of Columbia, including bonds of

town, (see various acts and ordinances in force;) four cents and seven mills....

THE O-STREET MARKET will be opened on CHRISTMAS EVE, morning and even-

By dispensation of the M. W. G. M., the regular communication of ARMINIUS LODGE, No. 25, F. A. A. M., will be held on WEDNESDAY, December 26, 1877, at 7½ o'clock p.m., instead of Monday, December 24. All members are requested

to be punctual in their attendance. Election of officers. By order of the W. M. d22-2i JNO. BUSSIUS. Secretary.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLD-ERS of the WASHINGTON & GEORGE-TOWN KAILEOAD COMPANY for the election

of Directors, will be held at the office of the Com-pany. No. 109 Pennsylvania avenue, on WED-NESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1878, The poils will be opened at 12 m. and closed at 2

Transfer books will be closed on the 4th of Janu-

RIGGS MARKET WILL BE OPENED MONDAY, Dec. 24th, ALL DAY, d21-30

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INS. Co., \
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1877. \
Policy holders are hereby notified to renew their insurance for 1878 at the office of the Company on or before MONDAY, December 31, 1877. In order

to save time and avoid the crowd, come several days before the last Monday, and bring your Policy or the last receipt. J. WESLEY BOTELER, dec20-9t

RICHMOND, December 12, 1877. In conformity to the Code of Virginia, of 1873, page 875, section 15, I do hereby make known to all

to whom it may concern, that it appears by a certifi-cate of the eschentor of the county of Alexandria.

dated the 23d day of November, 1877, received into the Land Office on the 11th day of December, 1877, that by inquest held on the 23d day of November,

that by inquest held on the 23d day of November, 1877, a parcel of land containing twenty-one acres, two roods and twenty-one poles, lying in Alexandria county, known as a part of the ''Old Factory'' tract, of which James Hilton died seized, was found escheated to the Commonwealth.

Cologne Sets, in great variety; Odor Cases, Cut and Decorated Toilet Bottles, Ivory Brushes, Cel-luloid Sets in Cases, Tortoise Shell Combs, Farina

Colognes, Lubin and Atkinson's Handkerchief Extracts.

W. S. THOMPSON,

703 15TH STREET.

WASHINGTON, D. C., DECEMBER 10, 1877.—On and after January 1st, 1878, the NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK will pay interest at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum, to be passed to the credit of Depositors January 1 and July 1 of each year, on all sums of \$5 and upward then in Bank, the same having been on deposit one or more full calendar months.

Office Hours—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and on Saturdays from 6 to 7 p.m.
dll-tjan1 WM. STICKNEY, President.

Will be found to possess those qualities necessary to

the total eradication of all bilious attacks, prompt to

start the secretions of the liver, and give a healthy

tone to the entire system. Indeed, it is no ordinary

discovery in snedical science to have invented a

remedy for these stubborn complaints, which de-

velop all the results produced by a heretofore free

use of calomel, a mineral justiy dreaded by man-

extreme to the human system. That the properties

of certain vegetables comprise all the virtues of cal-

omel without its injurious tendencies, is now an

admitted fact, rendered indisputable by scientific

researches; and those who use the Mandrake Pills

will be fully satisfied that the best medicines are

those provided by nature in the common herbs and

These Pills open the bowels and correct all billious

derangements without salivation or any of the in-

jurious effects of calomel or other poisons. The

secretion of bile is promoted by these pills, as will

be seen by the altered color of the stools, and dis-

COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE,

MILBURN'S, 1429 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indis-

To all who are suffering from the errors and indis-cretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipt that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York city, sep25-co&kly

D. McFARLAN, Dentist,
1340 NEW YORK AVENUE.
Not New Jersey avenue, as erroneously printed in
Boyd's Directory for 1877.
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COLD SODA AND MINERAL WATER on

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WASHINGTON, D. C., DECEMBER 10,

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calendar months.

roots of the fields.

Price 25 cents per box.

HOT SODA,

draught during the winter. A CARD.

S. H. BOYKIN.

ary, 1878, and opened on January 19th, 1878. H. HURF, Presiden

C. M. KOONES, Secretary.

the corporations of Washington and George

For general fund of the District of Columbia;

town: sixty-two cents and two mills...

suant to the tax levied by said act of Congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, shall be dis-tributed as follows:

J. S. BOLWAY, P. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1877.

### SPECIAL NOTICES. THE EVENING STAR.

of WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 6, I. O. O. F., will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 26th, instead of Tuesday, the 25th inst.

J. C. ERGOOD, N. G. Washington News and Gossip. GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY .- Internal revenue, \$579.641.22; customs, \$393,129.98. G. U. OF O. F.—All members of UNION FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 891, G. U. of

ALL THE government departments were closed to-day at 12 o'clock.

THE PONCAS will start in a few days to select their permanent reservation in Indian Terri-

THE SUBJECT of educating boys in practical seamanship for the navy will be presented to Congress this session. A WEDDING .- Miss Carrie Hall, daughter of

Mr. R. M. Hall, is to be married to Mr. Roger S. Bartley at the Metropolitan church December 27th. GARDNER EXONERATED. - The committee who have been investigating the charges of irregularity against Gardner, the head

draughtsman of the Interior department, have finished their examination, and have exoner-A JUST VERDICT .- The many friends of Major C. S. Jones in this city and elsewhere will be glad to learn that on Friday last at a special sitting of the Circuit Court of this District. Justice Olin presiding, it was adjudicated and held that the United States is indebted to him in the sum of \$2,040.12, on account of his transactions as paymaster in the army and Indian

agent, embracing a service of eight years in

the two capacities, and involving an aggregate

expenditure of nearly seven million of dollars.

The arguments and evidence in the case occa-pied three days, and then after an hour's deliberation by the jury resulted as above stated. SENATOR PATTERSON'S CONDITION is somewhat improved, with the exception of his strength, which is less than yesterday. His head is better, and he rested easy last night till this morning, and then he was very restless and slept little. He is fed on scraped raw beef, rolled into little balls, and given to him two every hour, with a thin piece of toast. He is out of danger now, and the doctors say that if he has no relapse and the pain continues to decrease he will recover, but it will be some weeks before he leaves his bed. In his present weak condition he could not survive another

relapse like the one he had Saturday morn-

MOVEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND FAM-ILY .- The new Museum of Natural History in Central Park, New York, was formally opened by President Hayes. Saturday afternoon, and in the evening the President and Mr. Evarts attended the banquet of the New England Society at Delmonico's. Yesterday morning the President and Mrs. Hayes attended service at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, on 22d street, and their sons went to Trinity Church in company with General Dix. The President and party remained in Fifth Avenue Hotel most of the afternoon, and in the evening attended prayers at Rev. Dr. John Hall's Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and 54th street. The President and party left for Washington this morning on the 9:10 limited express train from Jersey City.

PERSONAL.-Secretary Sherman left here this morning for New York to spend Christmas. "Secretary Thompson left for his home in Indiana last night. ....Stiil another applicant for the consul generalship of Paris. arns up in the person of ex-Congressman Julius Cæser Burroughs, of Mich. Col. J. J. Rickey, of Cincinnati, is here as an appli-cant for the Cincinnati Post office, to succeed the present incumbent, Mr. Wahle, vate dispatch received here says Senator Blaine received quite an ovation at the Hot Springs of Arkansas, where he arrived in safety Saturday night. "Rade'infe Baldwin, of New York, has been appelisted to attend to the shipment of exhibitors goods for the Paris exposition. The friends of ex-Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, deny that he is an applicant for the Paris consulate. "Senator Voorhees remains in Washington preparing a

speech on the silver bill. THE GEORGETOWN FOST OFFICE QUESTION SETTLED.—The Postmaster General issued an order to-day discontinuing the post office in Georgetown, (to take effect December 31, 1877;) establishing a branch office of the Washington post office in the premises now occupied by the Georgetown post office, to be under the con trol and within the delivery of the postmaster of this city; and extending the free delivery system to that locality, (to take effect January 1878.) The mail messenger contract service will be continued, and all the facilities now afforded the citizens of Georgetown by their post office will be allowed them. To carry this order into effect the Washington postmaster is empowered to appoint two clerks, one at \$1,200 and the other at \$720 a year, and three letter carriers at \$675 per annum apiece. Increased facilities will thus be granted to the people of Georgetown at considerably less expense. The decrease in the rate of letter postage between Washington and Georgetown from 3 to 2 cents is another result.

## Mexican Co-operation With Our Troops.

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES FROM GEN. ORD, The following has just been received at the

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—Gen. E. D. Town-send, Washington:—The following telegram from Gen. Ord is forwarded for the informa tion of the General of the army.
P. H. SHERIDAN, Lieut. Gen.

" Lt. Ward, who was sent to the Rio Grande to find trail of horses stolen and driven into Mexco on the 15th instant, has just come in. The Mexican troops got to the river on the morning of the 20th. Ward showed the Mexican lieutenant the trail, and at his invitation erossed his men and joined the Mexican troops. They followed the trail together all day, going about 25 miles; as it had rained heavily the trail was hard to follow, and another hard rain setting in they found it impossible to follow it farther. The trail was left about three miles from nearest town, and only six or eight miles below where it crossed the river. Ward says there was perfect good feeling among the Mexican soldiers and our own. and that the lieutenant offered to go with him anywhere he thought the horses could be found. [Signed]-ORD, Brig. Gen.

THE NEW YORK WHISKY RAIDS. - The mayor of New York informed a temperance deputation, Saturday, that he had complained of the police commissioners for not regularly enforcing the excise laws, instead of simply making an occasional raid on the whisky shops. He would not, however, consent to their removal unless he felt certain that their successors would enforce the law more faith-

GENERAL SHERMAN REFUSES TO LECTURE. General Sherman having been invited to address the Veterans' association of Chicago, replied: "I assure you that I feel the compliment intended, but prefer to adhere to a de termination long since made, not to attempt to lecture or make any public address other than spontaneous utterances at army meetings during my active life."

AN ELOPEMENT.-At Dubuque, Iowa, Jos Bitz, aged 19, and Anna Darrow, 17 years of age, cloped last week and went to Fair Play. Wis., the Gretna Green of the country, to get married. The friends of both parties were opposed to the match, and are highly incensed at the event.

Mr. Bowles Better.—The Springfield Republican says: "The third week since Mr Bowles' attack has been marked by a gradua but quite regular gain in strength and com-fort, and its close finds him more comfortable than at any previous time.'

Gen. Grant arrived at Palermo yester-day on the United States steamer Vandalia. One New York engine company can hitch up in 6 seconds. A Hartford, Conn., newspaper proposes bachelor show, the prizes to be awarded by

In Paris a great deal is expected of a policeman. If he gets drunk twice he loses his

The man who can't select a suitable gift rom our advertising columns to-day doesn't deserve a Christmas. Advices from St. Domingo state that the revolution has not been suppressed, and murders and other outrages are frequent.

S. V. Van Inwegen, a tax collector in Pike county, Pa., has been sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor and solitary confinement, on the charge of embezzlement. passed the bill compromising the state debt at 50 cents on the dollar, and ordered its transmission to the house.

CHRISTMAS, 1877.

THE GREAT CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY. Joyous Music in the Churches Tomerrow.

Oh, low and sweet the Christmas carols falter, Then rise with rich increase, And for an hour about one shrine and altar, All nations stand at peace. Chris mas is come!

The class of music to be sung by the various choirs to-morrow is of a much higher order than that of previous years. This is partly due to the advance in taste of the respective choir masters and partly to the intervention of the Rectors of the various parishes. The florid music, calculated to display the voice, is now very properly laid aside in a great measure, and more "churchly" music is substituted. Bee thoven, Handel, Hayden, Gounod, Rossini. and the later composers of church music Barnby, Buck, Wilson, Warnen and others are now found prominent in all Roman Catholic and Episcopal choirs.

IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES early masses will be said, and in most of them will be sung.
At St. Aloysius, Rev. Father Ciampi will celebrate High Mass at six o'clock a. m. The personnel of the choir, under Mr. Harry C Sherman, is better this year than ever before, as will be seen. Soprani, Miss Eva Mills, Miss B. Eichorn, Miss Elliott, Miss Mabel True; alti, Mrs. H. C. Sherman, Miss Nellie Eichorn; tenori, Messrs, John O. Pugh and Rudolph Kauffmann; bassi, Messrs, L. E. Gannon, Thomas W. Riley and Mr. Hickox. [The latter gentleman is a valuable addition, having a fine voice and excellent method.] At six o'clock the following will be sung: Beethoven's Mass in c.; at the offertory Diabelli's Gaudeanus will be sung, and before the sermon and at communion a Christmas hymn by Dudley Buck—"There Were Shepherds." The above programme will be given at the 11 o'clock

The Rev. Father DeWolf will conduct the services at St. Matthews' (Rev. Dr. White's) church. First High Mass at 5 a. m., when Von Weber's mass in g will be sung. At the offertory the Adeste Fideles at 11 a. m., Solemn High Mass, at which Haydn's mass No. will be given. The offertory will be Hummell's "Alma Virgo," soprano, solo and chorus Mrs. King and Barringer, soprani; Mrs. Cal an, Newton and Miss Dougherty, alti; Messrs. David, Kohr and King, tenori; Mr. Blois basso, and Prof. Anton Gleotzner, organist

and director.

At St. Patrick's church, under the charge of Mr. Carl Richter, the choir will perform at 5 o'clock Generali's mass in "G." At 11 o'clock Weber in E flat "Veni," a trio from Attila. Offertory—Diabelli's Gaudeamus; Carr's anthem, "There were Shepherds," will be sung at both masses. The choir is as follows: So-prani, Mrs. Goldin, Misses Burrows, Burns, McGill. Alti, Misses Lucas, Carr, Newton. Tenori, Messrs. Morgan, Connoly, Jefferson, Shaub, Fisher. Bassi, Miller, Nyman, Keane. Simour. At vespers Miss Lucas will sing "O Salutaris," from Rossini's mass; Tantum Ergo, of Goeb, by the choir.

At St. Stephen's church, Rev. Father Mc Nally, early mass will be sung as well as at 11 o'clock. The same programme will be given at each service, as follows: Haydn's Sixth Mass: for offertory. In Hace Nocte, trio by Caglioni; Veni, Dietsch. will be sung. Emerig's Magnificat; Karst's "O Salutaris:" basso solo, which will be sung by Prof. F. A. Rockar; "Tantum Ergo," ar ranged from Donnizetti; trio. The names of the singers are: Soprani, Miss Coolidge: alto. Mrs. Mary Gillen; tenor, T. Ruppert; basso F. A. Rockar; organist, J. C. Foertsch. Wed nesday being St. Stephen's day, a special service will be given at this church. André' Mass in E flat, Opus 45, and Diabelli's Gaudeamus at offertory. Grand vespers will also be

At St. Mary's, services will be held at 5 a. m. and again at 10% a.m., when Father Alig will be the celebrant of the mass; sermon by the pastor. Text: "The Redeemer of the World is born." The choir, which is composed as follows: Soprani, Miss Anna Geir, Miss U. Bauer, Miss C. Neff, Miss A. Rappert and Mrs. Schwakoph, directress, will sing Hasche's mass and an appropriate Gaude amus at offortory. At the Church of the Immaculate Concep-

tion, Rev. Fathers McCarthy and Conway, masses will be sung at 5, 6, 7 and 11 o'clock and vesters also will be given. At 5 o'clock a.m. here will be high mass, at which Hayden' mass, No. 1, will be rendered. Mrs. C. Köchler, Mrs. A. M. LeMerie and Miss Kate Griffin soprani: Misses Stine and Kearon, alti; Messrs H. Forsyth and T. W. Cridler, tenori; and Grant, G. Reuter and C. Ward, bassi Miss M. Milcher presiding at the organ. At the offertory, "In Hace Nocti," by Gaegler, will be given. At vespers the male quintette-Messrs, Forsyth, Cridler, Grant, Reuter and Ward-will sing, "O Salutorus," without ac-compariment; and Berge's Tautum Ergo, the solos by Miss Griffin.

At St. Joseph's church the early mass will be sung at 5 o'clock a. m. Farmer's mass in b flat will be given. At 10 o'clock Grand High Mass, Lejeal's mass will be sung, and Lambilotte's Pastores for offertory. The choir are: Soprani, Mrs. Mehler, Rosseau, Miss M. Kelly; alti, Misses Langley and Little: tenori, Misses A. Neff and Berry; bassi, H. Menler, J. Mandsley, and G. Kohler; organist, S. J. Kubel; director, L. W. Mihen.

At St. Dominic's, Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 5 a. m., Father Fortune, cele brant, and also at half-past ten. Vespers will be held at the usual hour. The church is dece rated. The choir here is a very good one and is under the direction of Mr. William Waldecker, organist: soprano, Mrs. Riley; alto, Mrs. Ryan; tenor, Mr. S. H. Witherow; basso, Mr. Koechling. Masses will be sung at 5 o'clk

and 10% o'clock. At St. Augustine's church special and excep-tionally fine music will be rendered. The paster, Rev. Felix Barotti, will be assisted by Revs. C. Conway and P. Tarro. Rev. C. Con way will preach. The choir is ably directed by Prof. Esputa, who by his tact and efficiency has brought the same to a high order of profi-ciency. Messrs, L. Younger and Savoy, Mrs. A. Smallwood and Miss L. Miller constitute offertory Diabelli's Gaudeamus.

the choir. Gionza's mass will be sung, and for At Trinity church, Georgetown, fine music will be rendered. At 5 and 1014 o'clock masses will be sung, Revs. Father Murphy and Father Mazella officiating. Farmer's mass in d will be sung; aiso, "Veni Sancti Spiritus," ar-ranged from Kreutzer. The organist is Mr. Spoth: soprani, Mrs. Ciements, Mrs. Barrett Mrs. Allen, Miss Moxley; alti, Miss Clements Miss O'Donohue; tenor, Mr. Fred. W. Jones bassi, Messrs, Murray and Crouse. The di

rector is Mr. Charles Hines. At St. Peter's church, first mass will be sung at 5 o'clock; second mass at 11. The choir is as follows, and is under the direction of the organist, A. R. Misbach; soprano, Mrs. Cronin, assisted by Miss Hynes; alto. Miss Jessie Esputa, Miss J. Parsons; tenori, Mr. W. Daly and J. S. Smith, John Daly, F. F. Dooly. At first mass will be sung Adeste Fideles, solo and chorus; Novello, Haydn's Mass in F; Veni Creator, Theo. Von La Hache: offertory, In Haec Noete;" trio, Cagliero, Giovanni. ate Mass.—Mozart's Mass, No. 12; Veni Creater Mass.—Mozart's Mass, No. 12; Veni Creator, Millard; offertory, "Gaudeamus," quartette and chorus, A. Diabelli. At vespers will be sung Psalms—Gregorian chant; anthem, Ave Maria, alto solo, Dudley Buck; Magnificat. Millard; "Alma Redemptoris," Weber; "O Salutaris," trio, Cagliero Giovanni; Tantum Ergo, Millard.

tum Ergo, Millard. RHE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES At Christ church, Navy Yard, Rev. Chas. D. Andrews, the services will be interesting and the music of a high order. The choir is in charge of Miss Emma Williams, organist, and is as follows: Soprano, Miss Sadie Flynn; alto, Mrs. Emma Fishbach; tenor, Mr. W. H. Hoeke: basso, Mr. Sam Cross: organist, Miss Emma Williams. The following music will be sung: Christmas Anthem, Correlle; Gloria in Excelsis, D. Buck; Te Deum, Lambillotte; Jubilate, P. B. Spark. On Friday evening next the Sunday school here will have a celebration suitable to the Christmas holidays. The singing will be led by the rector.
St. John's (Episcopal.)—Mr. Theo. I. King
will preside at the organ, [Dr. Kimball, the
regular organist, being ill; this is to be regretted, as the entire service by Dr. Kimball
was arranged for Christmas;] and the following programme will be followed: "Venite,"
Frey; "Te Denm," Koppel; "Jubilate,"
Wara: anthem, "And There Were Shepherds," Kimball; hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings," Davenport: "Nicene Creed," Goss;
"Gloria in Excelsis," old English chant.
H. H. Bradley, director; Messrs. Burnett and
Hill, first tenors; Messrs. Johnson and Thompson, secondtons; Messrs. Johnson and Thompson, first bass; Messrs. Dawson, Hancock and
Yeatman, second bass. For Offertory, Mr.
Samuel G. Young will sing Gounod's "Hail,
Christmas Morn."
Church of the Epiphany—Venite, plain;
Gloria Patri, Gounod and Waiter; Te Deum,
Gounod; Jubilate, Fay; Hymn 20, "Hark!
what mean those holy voices?" Schumann;
Gloria Tibi, Warren; Hymn 24, "Angels from
the realms of giory;" Smart; Offertory anthem, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings;"
Barnby. Mrs. Camp, soprano; Mrs. Root,
alto; Mr. Knoop, tenor; Mr. Fugitt, basso and suitable to the Christmas holidays. The sing-

director; Mrs. Pearson, organist; assisted by selected singers, making in all twelve voices. On Friday evening (Holy Innocents' day) the Sunday school will have a festival at the church, which will be highly interesting. The school numbers some 415 officers, teachers and scholars. The principal feature of the affair

will be the Processional, with the beautiful banners, and the remarkably fine singing of the school under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Pendleton, Mrs. Ferris organist. The superintendent, Dr. R. Joseph, deserves great credit for the efficiency of the school in all its branches. A feature of the entertainment will be the donations of the children to the poor of the parish, each scholar and teacher oringing an offering of money or clothing. The following is the musical programme:— Processional—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."
Angels' Song—"Good Tidings, Good Tidings."
"O, Sing we a Carol all Blithe and Free."
"From the Eastern Mountains." "Let us

now go to Bethlehem." "Gather round the Christmas Tree." After the gifts have been given the children and their offerings given in return, a carol entitled "Fare thee Well, O. Christmas Tree." will be sung. St. Mark's Church, Rev. A. F. Steele rector—Soprano, Mrs. Dayton S. Ward; contralto, Mrs. Samuel Boane; tenor, Mr. A. S. Roe, jr.; basso, Mr. John Johannes; organist, Mr. John Lawrence. Opening anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Handel: Venice anthem, Lor-entz: Gloria Patri, Lloyd: Gloria in Excelsis.

Wilson; Te Deum, Bassford; Jubilate, Roe

Hymn, Mozart; Gloria Tibi, Roe; Offertory, Church of the Ascension, Rev. Dr. Elliott .-Since the accession to the choir of this church of Miss Clara C. Baker as soprano and Mr. H. A. Kohr as tenor, the music has undergone a marked improvement. The following is the marked improvement. The following is the order of selection: "Nazareth," evangelical hymn, Ch. Gounod; Venite Adoremus, anthem, Wilson; Glorias, Bb, Eb, Bb, Buck; Festival TeDeum in Eb, Buck; Jubilate, from Rossiui's Stabat Mater, Millard; Hymn 17, hymnal, Haydn; Gloria Tibi, Pleyel; Anthem, "There were Shepherds," Buck; Offeriory, "The Grace of God," Barnby, (solo, Mrs. H. T. Crosby;) Sanetus, from seventh symphony, Beetho by:) Sanctus, from seventh symphony, Beethoven; Communion Hymn 203, hymnal, Handel; Gloria in Excelsis, plain chant. Choir members:—Soprano. Miss Clara C. Baker; alto. Mrs. H. T. Crosby; tenor, Mr. H. A. Kohr; basso, Mr. W. M. Shuster, jr. It is still to be regretted that this congregation continue to retain the poor old organ so long used at their old church on H street. It would seem that with this strong choir and able organist, that

on the approach of the new year steps would

be taken in the direction of purchasing a new

instrument. At the Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal), Rev. I. L. Townsend, Christmas services will be held at 7:30 and 11 a. m. At the 11 o'clock service the following programme of music will be rendered:—Opening anthem, "Shout the Glad Tidings," MacLeod: Venite, Mora: Glorias, Greatorex; Te Deum in G, Warren: Benedictus, Miliard: Introit, " te Fideles," Barnby; Gloria Tibi, MacLeod; Hymn, Mendelssohn; Offertory, "Christians, Awake! Faure: Offertory, Sentence, "All Things Come," Tallis; Sanctus, Sin G, Elvey: Hymn, Arne; "Gloria in Excelsis," Tallis. The choir, under the direction of Mr. D. B. MacLeod, organist, is composed of the following members:-Miss Snowden, soprano: Miss Davidson, alio: Mr. C. E. Stevens, tenor: Mr. W. Keen, basso. The Sunday school val will be held on Friday at 6 p.m. It will consist of an entire musical service rendered by the school under the leadership of Dr. W. W. Mew. Mr. D. B. MacLeod, organist; after which the Christmas tree will be lighted and gifts, &c., distributed to the scholars, At St. Pauf's (Episcopal) the following

rate programme will be carried out: Midnight Choral Communion Service. - Opening, "White Shepherd's Watch their Flocks by Ninght. Tucker: Kyrie, Tacker: offertory, "Faith" Glover, sung by Mr. E. J. Whipple: Trisagion, Dr. Camidge: "Shout the Glad Tidings," Baker: "Gloria in Excelsis," in A. Hills: Nune Dimit is, Baker. At II o'clock a.m., full regular service, with sermon, by the pastor, Rev. Augustus Jackson.—Opening, "Thou Art Our Father," arranged from flummel; Venite, in E. Fank's Gloria Patri, Frey; Te Deum, arranged from Mercadante; Jubillate, in A flat, Ward; offertory, "Christmas Morn, baritone solo, Gounod, sung by Thos. H. Jan vier: Trisagion, Whipple: Gloria in Excelsis, Ellis. The choir is a male ociette, composed of the following gentlemen: I. L. Paokhurst and Fred. S. Newmen, 1st tenors: Dr. Frank T. Howe and Chas. Jones, 2d tenors; Thos. H. Janvier and C. A. Abbott. 1st bassos; L. P. Seiboid and Wm. B. Orme, 2d basso; organist,

Miss Minnie Parkhurst. The following will be sung at Christ church Georgetown, at 11 o'clock: -Opening, Pastora Anthem, Miliard: Venite, Turle: Gloria, Per golesi; Gloria in Excelsis, Jackson; Te Deum Mara: Jubilati, Millard: Hymn 24 (selected) Gloria Tibi, Vinson; Hymn 21 (selected); of ferfory, soprano solo, "Christ Child:" "Shout the glad tidings. H. Wilson: organ voluntary "Hallelujah." Messiah. Congregational service at 7 a. m.-Trisagion, hymn, Gloria in excelsis. The choir is as follows: --Soprano, Mrs. McCartee: alto, Miss Dodson: tenor, Mr. Jno. Offley: bassi, E. J. Whipple and F. Berry; organist. C. McCartee.

St. John's Church, Georgetown, Rev. A. W. Joyce.-Services will be held at 11 a. m., and the musical part will be as follows: Opening piece, Chris mas Morn, by Gounod; Venite, B flat, H. Millard; Glori Patri, Mosenthal's; Te Deum, in F. J. C. Fairlamb: Jubilate Deo, J. R. Fairlamb; Gloria in Excelsio, La Hatche; Offeratory, "There were Shepherds," by R. R. Trench. The choir is as follows: Soprano, Miss Kate Cooke; alto, Miss Emily Hyde; tenor, Edwin W. Hoff : bass, S. E. Middleton : organist, W. E. Middleton.

AT THE NEW YORK AVENUE CHURCH, (Presbyterian), this evening, there will be interesting services. Heretolore, the Sunday school children have gathered about a Christmas tree and sing carols, after which a gene-ral distribution of presents took place. At the suggestion of Dr. Mitchell, the pastor of tee church, these ceremonies have been mate rially changed, and this evening the large upper room will be opened, and the entire congregation of yesterday are invited to be present, bringing with them some offering of money, food or raiment, for the poor of the vicinity. In this way much real good will be done and the lesson of the season emphasized. Between the hours of 6 and 8 the church will be open, and during the evening vocal and instrumental music will be rendered by Mrs. Pearson, M.s. Camp, Miss Eva Mills, Prof. Waiter, Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Pugh, Mr. S. G. Young, Mr. H. C. Sherman and others. Every one visiting the church will be requested to bring some offering for the poor.

### The Candy Factory Explosion. THE CAUSE OF THE DISASTER STILL A MYS-TERY.

The work of digging for the bodies of the victims of the explosion at Greenfield's candy factory, in New York, on Thursday evening, was continued throughout Saturday and yes terday. Saturday afternoon a body was discovered in the Barclay-street basement of the burnt factory. Eight feet of the brick easing of the horizontal flue spoken of as a possible seat of the explosion was uncovered on Satur-day night, and was found intact. There is nothing to make clear the origin of the explo sion. It may have been due, so chemists and engineers say, to the admixture of air in this flue with the carbonic oxide generated in the combustion of coal, but this is merely conjecture. Prof. Doremus says that the overheating of saccharine matter may produce explosive gases. The injuries of the wounded men and the death of Hertzberger all seem to have come from above and not from below. The noise was like a clashing of enormous cymbals and was followed by an instant outburst of flame above. Although the factory, as has been stated, was lighted with kerosene, a gas pipe was found ablaze under the building, which has directed suspicion to the probable explo-sion of an accumulation of gas under the building similar to that which occurred in Boston some time ago. So far three dead bodies bave been recovered from the ruins, and as seven other persons are still missing who are known to have been in the building at the time of the explosion, the fatal casualties will at least aggregate ten.

THE TOBACCO CASES at New Orleans growing out of a seizure by the internal revenue supervisors in 1868, which have been on trial for the past seven days in the U.S. district court in that city, have been decided by the jury in favor of the government. The amount involved is about \$20,000.

BURNED HIS WIFE TO DEATH.—Cornelius Tobin, while intoxicated last evening, in South Boston, threw a lighted coal oil lamp at Mrs. Mary L. Mehegan. The lamp exploded, set fire to her clothing, and she was burned to death. Tobin is in custody.

THE SUIT AGAINST SAMUEL J. TILDEN on account of income tax was up in the U.S. district court at New York on Saturday, but postponed till the 5th of January, on application of defendant's counsel. JOHN WELSH, United States Minister to the Court of St. James, was presented to Queen Victoria on Saturday. Mr. Pierrepont also had an interview, and presented his letter of

LOCAL NEWS.

District Government Affairs. Mr. Joseph Williams, successor to Messrs, Burns & Hopkins, contractors for paving 7th street, between E and F streets, with Belgian block pavement, commenced that work this morning with a force of laborers. The office of the District Commissioners and

all other District officers were closed at twelve o'clock to-day. The Columbia buildings were crowded with The Columbia buildings were crowded with laborers and other employes of the District this morning to get the belances due them for their services for Christmas r.se. Their cheeks were cashed by Collector Cook as fast as his receipts would permit.

The District Commissioners this morning district Commissioners this morning district commissioners this morning district commissioners.

rected the engineer of the District to make an examination of the repairs now progressing on the line of the Belt street raffroad track on 11th street, above L street northwest, and report at once the character of the pavement being haid between the tracks, with a view of Telegrams to The Star. correcting any violations of the act conferring the charter. Section four of the act to incorporate the Capitol, North O street and South Washington railway company provides: "That the said corporation shall be bound to keep said tracks and a space of two feet beyond the THE EASTERN WAR. onter rails thereof, and also the space between the tracks, at all times well paved and in good order, in such manner and with such material as may be directed by the board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and if there be at any time no such board, then by the Secretary of War, without expense to the United States or the sold city." SUFFERING ON BOTH SIDES United States or the said city."

The cost of repairing the county roads during the mouth of September, was \$576.60; October, \$849.20, and November, \$1,789.10. The unusual amount for November was caused by damage from the floods to the Broad branch and New Cut roads.

and New Cut roads. Through the efforts of Col. E. F. M. Fachtz, intendant, and George A. Caswell, coramissioner of the Washington Asylum, the inmates of that institution, including those of the hospital department, will have a substantial Christmas dinner, including many of the usual Christmas delicacies. Col. Fachtz has received from the butchers and dealers in the markets poultry enough to feed the multitude, and some other "fixings" will be furnished by direction of Commissioner Caswell. The sanitary condition of the entire premises and the discipline has been very much improved re-

MARRIAGE LICENSES have been issued to Henry Jennings and Louisa Coats: Robert 8 Varnell and Hattie Butts : Andrew W. Chaney, of Baltimore, and Rosa E. Marsh : Geo. Tyler and Chlora Bell: James Phenix and Alice V. Fisher: Jackson Parker and Fanny Gibbs; Thos. A. Lyddane and M. E. Scior: Henson Batson and Margaret Shorter, both of Princo George county: John Condin and Kate

BALTIMORE, December 24.—Virginia sixes, deferred, 5; do, consolidated, 56; do, second series, 40; North Carolina sixes, old, 15; do, new, BALTIMORE, December 24. - No market to-NEW YORK, December 24.—Stocks dull but firm, Money, 6, Gold, 102b. Exchange, long, 483; short, 486b. Governments lower, NEW YORK, December 24.—Figur quiet and unchanged, Wheat quiet and steady., Corn dull and unchanged dull and unchanged.

LONDON, December 24, 12:30 p. in. U. S. four and a half per cent, bonds, 103 \( \) 1867 \( \), 105 \( \); ten-forties, 107 \( \); new fives, 105 \( \). Erie, 8 \( \); do, preferred, 22. Illinois Central, 72 \( \). New Jersey Central, 13 \( \).

spondent says:-"The Roumanians will not THE NARROWEST ESCAPE POSSIBLE, -- Joseph S. Jones, of No. 110 Eckford street, Greenova, and co-operate with the Servians against point, who was in Greenfield's factory buying candy at the time of the explosion, made the following statement to a Tribune reporter: The Manchester Guardian's London corre-He was about to start a candy store, and W. spondent telegraphs to that paper that no H. Bradley, who lived in his house and is among the killed, was to have accompanied him there, but was detained at his place of wich arsenal, except the manufacture of field gens. Only four thousand hands are embusiness in Maiden Lane. Jones had just ployed, whereas the war force is from ten moved to the lower part of the store with a salesman to select additional stock, when he "heard a thump," and, looking up, saw the floor-boards and beams in short pieces, as it thousand to twelve thousand. It should, however, be added that equipment is already in seemed to him, all at an angle, and in flames. He rushed for the Barclay-street door, but the The Snow-Covered Plain of Erze-ERZEROUM, Dec. 24.—Snow has ceased fall-ng here. The weather is now fine and will way was blocked by debris. He tried to jump upon the long counter to climbout, but seemed paralyzed, and all the time timbers were fallconnoitering detachments of Russian eavalry ing around him. At last he crawled up and "pitched himself out," losing his hat and getting his left hand badly sealded.—[N. Y. Tribfrequently appear in villages on the plain of

He Speaks in Boston About the Pol-EXCITING SCENE AT THE CLOSE OF A MURDER TRIAL.—At Maline, New York, Saturday morning, Judge Potter charged the jury in the Woods murder case, and after an absence of BOSTON, Dec. 24.—At the regular weekly inner of the Middlesex Club, at the Parker thirty-five minutes they returned a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree." The House here last evening, the Essex statesman defended his position. He believes that the silver bill will become a law in sixty days, and prisoner then made a long speech claiming that he was condemned before trial, that the that it will have the effect of restoring public trial was a farce, and said that he had always thought that he would end his days in an to enter upon a new career of prosperity. He American prison. The judge then sentenced opposes an increase of the fax on tea and him to be hanged on the 1st day of January, 1878, between the hours of 11 and 3. When offee, and suggests that if the taxes from which the government now receives its revethe judge pronounced the words, "may God have mercy on your soul," Woods replied, "I one must be abolished, the tax on incomes might well be renewed. He explains his unac-The crowd in the court-room customed slience in regard to the Presi-dent's policy by stating that he wished was so large that the building came near fallng. A large quantity of plaster fell and the to give it a fair trial. He found in a talk with the President last March that the latter was imbued with the idea that he could build up building settled nearly six inches at one end.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF A WIFE.-Nicholas Pflaum has brought an action against his brother in-law. Joseph Frankel, to recover \$20,000 damages for loss of the society and services of his wife, whom he alleges was abduct ed or influenced to leave him by the defendant. The plaintiff resides in Port Jervis, in Orange county, and the case was set down for trial in that place. Yesterday a motion was made on the part of the defendant before Justice Gilberi, in the King's county supreme court, to change the place of trial to New York, but the judge denied the motion, It was alleged by the defendant that the plaintiff illtreated his wife, who was defendant's sister, and during plaintin's absence he remove a her from her husband's dwelling to his own, where she died .- [ N. Y. Herald, 22d.

AN OLD TRICK OF THE BULGLARS.-Tarry-AN OLD TRICK OF THE BULGLARS.—Tarry-town, N. Y., is in an excited uproar in conse-quence of a daring robbery perpetrated on the jewely store of H. W. Wyatt. While Hyatt was at supper two men began scuffling in front of the window in which a large assort-ment of costly articles was displayed. During the scuffle they edged towards the window, when one of them suddenly shoved his arm through the large pane of glass, and at the same instant pushed his hand through the opening and secured a go. 4 watch valued at about \$150 and several articles of lesser value. The two made of his hand through the opening and secured a go. 4 watch valued at about \$150 and several articles of lesser value. The two made off before any one sampled them, the street being full of people at the time. The police are on the track of the thieves, and have ing a description of them it is thought bey cannot escape.

A Novel breach of promise suit has been of trial in Richmond, Va., Miss Pauline Rhule plaintiff and F. Neurath defendant. Both parties move in the higher circles of society. The defendant broke the engagement for the reason, as he alleges, that her breath was bad. a fact which he discovered upon kissing her last September. She denied this, and offered to put on the witness stand young lady friends who had slept with her, and would testify that her breath is sweetly aromatic. As Miss Rhule is a buxom girl, and bewitching, the jury will probably want to sample her breath, and ascertain whether it is sweetness wasted on the desert air.

A PROFESSOR IN TROUBLE.-A meeting of the board of trustees of the Hartford Theological Seminary will be held during the Christmas recess for the purpose of requiring the resignation of Dr. S. F. Childs, professor of biblical and ecclesiastical history. Dr. Childs has been in opposition to the trustees for some months, and within a week has circulated a document among his personal friends reflect-ing upon the bonor and veracity of members of the board. The matter has now gone so far that Dr. Childs must either resign or be peremptorily discharged.

PROPERTY DESTROYED DURING THE PITTS-BURG RIOTS .- A dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa. says the court of common pleas has granted the petition for a change of venue in the snits brought against the county for damages for property destroyed during the riots of July last. The cases are to be transferred to Beaver county for trial. The petition sets forth the local prejudice against the plaintiff's right to recover, which exists in the county of Alietheny to such an extent that a fair trial cannot be held in said county.

SKELETONS IN INDIAN MOUNDS .- Upon ope ing two Indian mounds on the banks of Lake Monoha, near Madison, Wis., two skeletons were found, together with some pieces of pot-tery and flint arrow heads. The skeletons were found in a kneeling posture facing the northeast, and were some five feet under ground, with trees growing over the mounds over 200 years old. These are the first skele tons found in mounds around that city, af though a number have previously been opened

Five Persons Hanged by a Mob.—Five horse thieves who, with others, had made raids on the towns of Caliente and Bakersfield, in the southern part of California, were recently captured in the Tenjon mountains. On Friday night the citizens of Bakersfield forced the jail, took the prisoners into the district court room, empanneled a jury, and tried, convicted and sentenced them to be hung. The sentence was immediately carried into execution in the jail yard.

A BANKRUPT FAMILY.—Elias Greenebaum has fied his voluntary petition in bankruptcy at Chicago. His liabilities are over \$300,000: assets about \$70,000. The three brothers—Henry, David and Elias—are now in bankruptcy, and the German National, German Savings, and Greenebaum & Co.'s banks are in liquidation or in the hands of a receiver. The New York branch is also closed.

A TAMMANY EMBEZZLER.—Excise Commissioner Murphy, of New York, is reported as having absconded with forty or fifty thousand dollars belonging to the funds received from the liquor sellers for licenses. The departed was a prominent member of the Tammany Hall committee. ordered that the writ of quo warranto against the Western Union Telegraph company should be issued as suggested by the attorney general returnable the first Monday in January.